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PEOPLE FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION



Greetings!

Well, spring is in the air, and many friends are in jail. The first half of May was one long string of bad news as first Anthony Miller's charade was exposed and then David Barbarash and Darren Thurston joined the ranks of those imprisoned (see pp. 4 & 5). David's arrest was particularly disconcerting since it happened here locally, sending shock waves through our community. Depressing, yes, but it certainly gave us renewed energy to move faster on this issue. We felt a great urgency to get *Cages!* out as soon as we could because this issue particularly highlights those who need our support and concern immediately. If this issue moves you in any way, we hope it moves you to send a letter to one or more of the many friends of animals listed and discussed in these pages and to make a donation to an ALF support group. But we must remember, as I think these friends want us to remember, that though we are sorry to report on the imprisonment of strong people, we rejoice in reporting on the liberation of many animals, and that's what it's all about.

And if *Cages!* moves you in any other ways, we hope it moves you to make copies to give to friends (while encouraging them to subscribe of course), submit an article or artwork or whatever, or just send us large or small amounts of cash. A reminder: past issues can be purchased for $2 (that includes postage) and a current single copy can be purchased for $3.75 (complimentary copies are provided on a 'zine-trade or need basis). And if you write to us with the intention of getting a response, it helps us if you can send a S.A.S.E., since postage costs are a great expense for us.

Thanks for all your support!

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"As long as I have friends like you on the 'outside', and as long as there is some wildness left uncaged and untamed in this world, I know I can see through these walls and reach out to the other side, where I will one day soon return."

--David Barbarash
5/21/94

C.A.F.T.

Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade
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For years I have monitored the fur trade and done all that I could to bring about the end of this brutal trade. In the summer of 1993 I had just been released from jail for my part in a series of ALF attacks, and I began to take notice of a new determination being showed by the remaining furriers. It seemed as if the entire animal rights movement had claimed victory and was going to sit there and let the furriers come back.

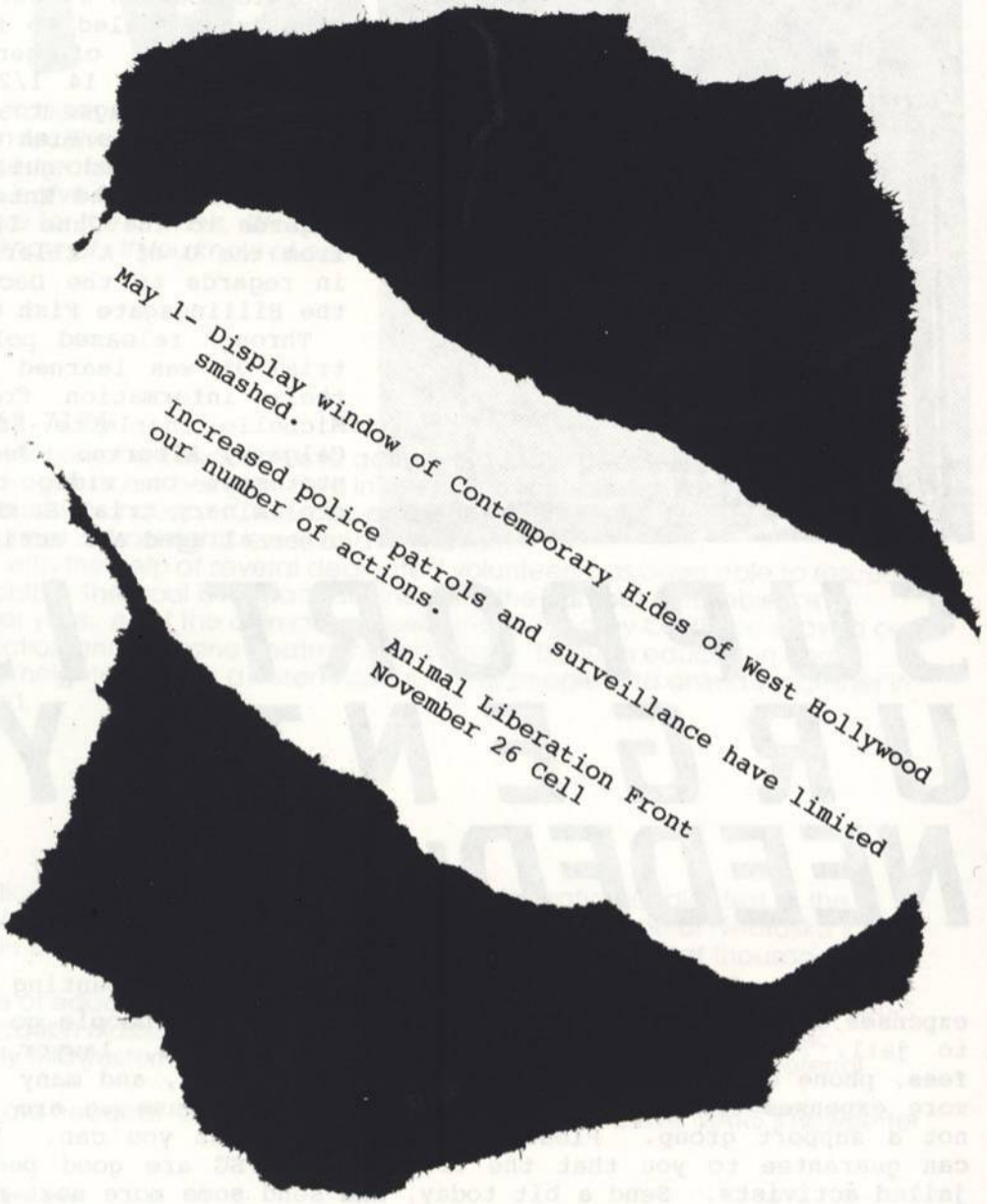
I had come out of jail more committed than ever and I decided that I would do what I could to shake everyone up and get the battle on. Hence, the coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade was formed. CAFT is a group that will go the extra mile. As an ex-prisoner I can ask people to get over their fear of jail and risk a little to save a lot.

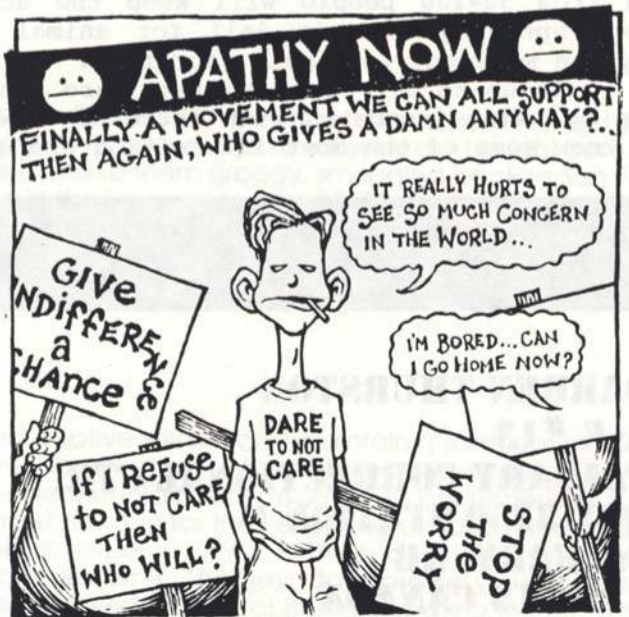
Throughout the winter I campaigned for a local, more moderate organization. Finally, in January we carried out our first action. The mink farmers were holding their annual convention in Madison, WI and it seemed that our presence was needed. While a local organization protested outside and conducted CD, we were inside posing as fur farmers and gathering information. Our notes were distributed to various AR groups and put to use by some notable heavyweights.

Soon after, we published the "Activists Guide to Defeating the Fur Industry." This is a booklet, available for $2, that discusses tactics, refutes every common pro-fur argument, and provides a list of pro-fur groups that need to be monitored. It is our hope that this booklet will motivate people to take immediate action.

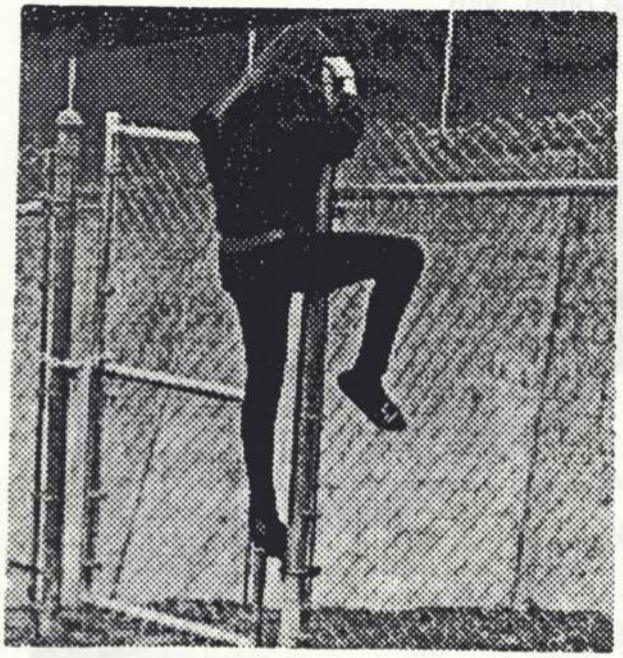
We are continuing our investigation of the fur farm industry and are beginning a summertime campaign against a local department store that sells fur. This campaign will definitely cause quite a stir! Sorry, no details just yet!

We want it to be known that we will act as spokespersons for direct actions against the fur trade. In addition, we have a list of fur farms available to anyone who would like to investigate on their own. It's far past time to put the alcohol and drugs to the side and take action. As Robin Webb said " I do believe we can achieve animal liberation. I do believe we can win. But we can win much sooner if everyone does a bit more, a bit more often, with a bit more determination." Inspirational words indeed.





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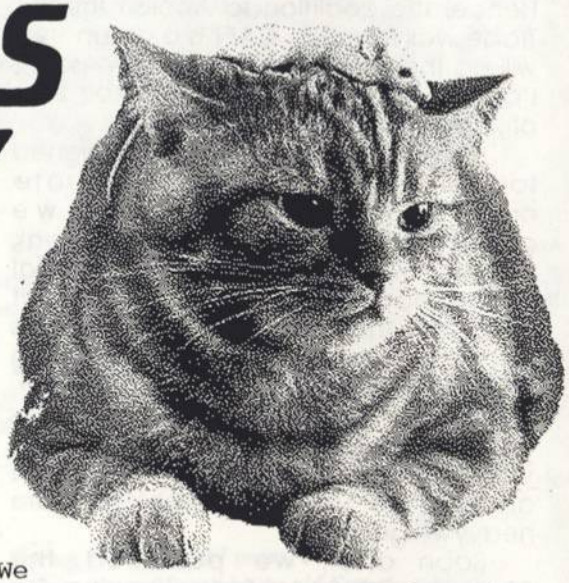
DARREN THURSTON BACK IN JAIL

The prosecutor in Darren's trial has successfully appealed Darren's previous sentence on the ground that "the judge failed to impose a sentence which reflected the principle of general deterrence." Darren has already served 14 1/2 months and was ordered to pay $75,000 in damages to the University of Alberta and to the Billingsgate Fish Company for restitution.

Darren pleaded guilty on August 19, 1993 to two counts: break and Enter to commit theft over $1000 in regards to the June 1, 1992 ALF liberation of 29 cats from the U of A Ellerslie Research Station, and arson in regards to the December 14, 1991 ALF action where the Billingsgate Fish Company had three trucks burned.

Through released police reports and the preliminary trial it was learned that the police obtained all of their information from an informant named Jessica Michelle Charlotte Sandham (born Jan. 31, 1973) of Calgary, Alberta. Jessica Sandham made a 4 1/2 hour statement on video to investigators. At Darren's preliminary trial Sandham testified against Darren and other alleged ALF activists.

SUPPORT IS URGENTLY NEEDED!



The N. American ALFSG is now faced with mounting expenses and debt. Many expenses are incurred when people go to jail. Storage for the activist's belongings, lawyer fees, phone calls and mailings to get the news out, and many more expenses that we don't even know about because we are not a support group. Please give anything that you can. We can guarantee to you that the folks at the SG are good people who care very much for the jailed activists. Send a bit today, and send some more next month and the next. A little bit every month from 50-100 people will keep the activists supported and show others who are worried about spending time in jail for animal liberation that they will be saluted and respected by the movement for their sacrifice.

Also, it is up to all of us to make sure that all jailed activists are kept busy and in good spirits by being inundated with letters. Please don't wait. Write a letter today. You will get to know some of the most interesting and good people this world has to offer.

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DAVID BARBARASH
CAPTURED IN SCOTTS VALLEY

Wanted for alleged connection to ALF activities in Canada, Canadian activist David Barbarash was apprehended at gun-point Monday, May 9, 1994. David and Jonathan Paul were driving in separate cars coming from Jonathan's house in Scotts Valley, California (near Santa Cruz) when they noticed a 6-car police road-block set up on the only street exiting Jonathan's house and two or three cars behind them. As they slowed down, police surrounded the two and approximately 30 Scotts Valley officers and FBI agents, complete with semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, and pistols, took aim at the two activists. Jonathan and David stuck their hands out of their car windows, and they were handcuffed and put into separate cars.

The officers then searched both vehicles. David's had just been loaded with his old junk that he was taking to a storage bin. His address book and old boxes containing much literature and research papers in regards to activism and tactics, which will undoubtedly be used against him in his future court cases, were found inside. David's car and its contents were impounded by the FBI as evidence. It is still unknown as to how the authorities knew of David's whereabouts at that particular time, though theories are a-plenty.

Jonathan was released, while David, of course, was held on various charges: petty theft/failure to complete community service hours in Santa Cruz, a 1990 charge and sentence; illegal stay in the U.S.; and the various charges in Canada, which include Breaking and Entering and Theft over $1000 (referring to 29 cats @ $40 each). You will recall the situation that he is being charged with being involved in, as it is among the same actions that activist Darren Thurston served 14 1/2 months for and was sentenced to pay $73,725 in restitution last year. David is accused of being involved in the action at the University of Alberta, where 29 cats were liberated. The bulk of evidence against Darren was a 4 1/2-hour video statement by an informant, Jessica Michelle Charlotte Sandham of Calgary; this statement will likely be used against David as well. Unfortunately, Darren's sentence was appealed by the prosecution (they can do that in Canada unlike the U.S.) and a decision was handed down only two days after David's arrest, sentencing Darren to another two years in jail (see the update about Darren in this issue). Hopefully, David will receive a lighter sentence.



David will now go through a complex procedure that began with his minor court hearing in Santa Cruz on May 11th for the petty theft charge in which the judge converted his unserved community service hours to a 3-day sentence which, including time served, he completed that day. While in the U.S. a lawyer has been provided for him by the National Activist Network. He was handed over to Border Patrol authorities on May 12th who detained him in an immigration office in Salinas, CA, then Santa Clara, and finally, at the Alameda County Jail in Dublin, California, where he was awaiting the immigration hearing that he requested due to take place in June. He was offered a choice between an immigration hearing with the possibility of posting a $20,000 bond or voluntary deportation. However, though he got the hearing, the FBI showed interest in questioning him about incidents in the U.S. (as of May 26th, the FBI has not spoken to David), making his chance for bail unlikely. His bond hearing took place on May 27th, and rather than wait another month for a deportation hearing, the court went ahead and ruled that he be deported ASAP, probably May 31st. He will fly back to Canada, undoubtedly First Class. So, David will begin the fiasco up in Canada. He will more than likely end up in Edmonton, Alberta, where Darren was held.

Upon last speaking with David we learned that he was doing as well as can be expected. Jail time for a vegan can be pretty painful in a country that believes ketchup to be a vegetable (thanks Prez Reagan!!). But friends supplied him with a meal (tempeh burger and carrot juice), the best he's had since being jailed, and with books.

Though the situation is still pretty mobile, please write letters of support to David in Edmonton (address below); we can update you on the situation if you send us a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE with your request. Please don't forget to send **cold hard cash** to the North American ALF Support Group since they will be supporting David all through his ordeal. Contributions can also be made to the National Activist Network.

STAY STRONG DAVID!

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WALLS

written for David Barbarash and also dedicated to Darren, Deb, Kim and other prisoners

We have different
walls.
you and me:

straight. white
slick walls.
uptight. thin
walls.
listen-through-a-
glass
walls.
everyone knows.
paper plates.
my walls:

cool. solid
gray walls.
sturdy. defensive
retaining walls.
I can't imagine
your walls.
could you?

Funny how they
knew
the difference
between
me and you:
I sometimes can't
breathe
my free air.

Living amongst
these walls.
I remember
their walls:
tight. bloody
scare walls.
never-open
death walls.
and I want to tear
walls...

but our walls
are different.
you and me:
we can feel them
there
below the palm:
light or heavy.
we reach beyond
them
to each other
and recall
the walls we don't
live in.
the walls we don't
die behind:
it sets us straight
against them.
our bodies pressed
hard.
our heads banging
against
these fucking
walls--
no opening.
no crack.
BANG! BANG!
bang.

Just let them be.
your walls:
see beyond slab
stone walls:
see doors open.
windows peer.
because
our walls
are different.
you and me.
but our doors open
--like doors do--
always open
to free.

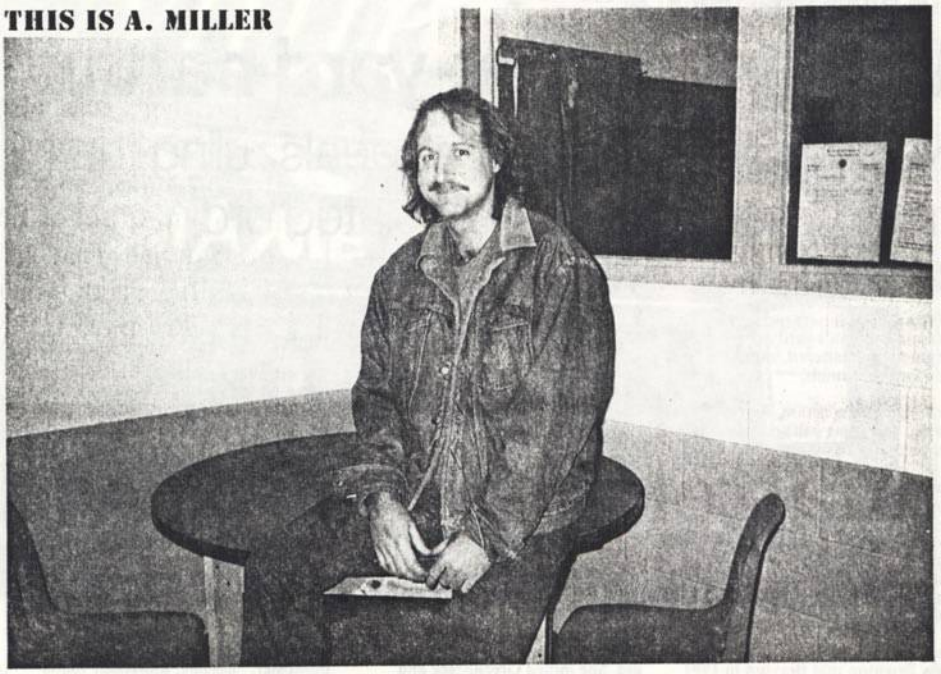
--Cheryl Farley

ANTHONY MILLER IS A FRAUD

We are very sorry to tell everyone that the story in our last issue (#8), which was written by Anthony Miller about his being incarcerated for liberating wild horses, was a work of fiction. Last Chance for Animals (LCA) has checked with the Bernalillo County Court Clerk as well as the District Attorney's office and found that he was actually incarcerated for stealing a car--albiet, a Jaguar.

All along, we and many others had our doubts about Anthony's story. My gut feeling was that he was not being totally honest. We thought he might have been stretching the truth a bit to make his action more dramatic. But we ran his story thinking that he had been overlooked by the movement for many years and was deserving of quick support to right the wrong. We soon found that the story differed in many inconsistent ways when it was told to different groups. Also, the court documents that he eventually sent us and other groups were inconsistent with his account and full of errors and misspellings.

THIS IS A. MILLER



We would like to say a heart-felt sorry to everyone who responded to our article and sent letters and support to someone you believed had been jailed for an animal liberation. It is still up in the air whether Anthony is just a misguided person or an infiltrator trying to twart the movement; the effect is the same, however, so it doesn't really matter. We are all left damaged and used by the lie and the fact that we put much effort and money into supporting such a lie. Next time, when an honest activist has a similar story, we may be wary and deny the activist the support he or she deserves. I hope not though. We should mark this one up as another learning experience that will help us grow and prevent this from happening again.

TRUE ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS. All these addresses come from the ALFSG in Britain or the N. American ALFSG. Write to them to find out their stories. If you can, write an article for CAGES! about one of them. Remember, postage, paper, and other supplies cost money. Send donations to cover these expenses to the respective support groups.

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* Please see the articles about David and Darren.

Apparently while enrolled in a prison-college program, Viv failed to show up for class one day and hasn't been seen since.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

A Small selection of recent articles

Waging a front-yard battle

New Brighton resident appeals ruling that her animal-rights signs violated ordinance

By Chuck Haga
Staff Writer

Twin Cities Journal

Only one sign shouts today from Deanna Brayton's yard in New Brighton, one tattered, snow-muffled plea for the animals.

Call it a holding action. Sure as spring, new signs will sprout along her piece of Mississippi St.

For 2½ years, the 33-year-old day care provider has fought with her neighbors and the city government over the signs in her yard. She favors signs with strong opinions . . . signs with pictures of animals in bloody traps. In turn, people have left dead animals in her yard.

Acting on neighbors' complaints, New Brighton told Brayton in 1991 that her animal-rights signs violated a city ordinance. She contacted the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union, which eventually filed a complaint in Ramsey County District Court. Last fall, the judge sided with the city. Last week, Brayton appealed to the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

"In a way, I'm glad we lost the first round," she said. "I hope it will go as far as it can go so there won't be these sign ordinances in the entire state of Minnesota. "I'm going to fight it all the way. Nobody is going to tell me what I can put up in my yard."

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When Deanna was 6 years old, she wrote letters to Hubert Humphrey about the plight of dolphins and wild mustangs. Humphrey wrote back, encouraging her to stay involved. She did. She joined Greenpeace and learned about the whales. She researched medical research on animals. She became a vegetarian.

Today she is a member of 13 animal-rights groups.

"It's important that everybody respect all forms of life," she said. "The animals don't have anybody to speak for them, and so many horrible things are going on."

She marches against puppy mills and fur stores. She boycotts companies that test their products on animals. "Now I'm on this bovine growth hormone thing," she said. "Yesterday I sent out 100 copies of something informing schools and grocery stores what it is and how it affects people and animals and the environment."

She has not splashed paint onto anyone wearing fur, but she doesn't rule that out. In 1991, a man in St. Peter, Minn., tried to dispose of some day-old puppies in a garbage dumpster. "Luckily, somebody found them and rescued them," Brayton said. "But when the guy went to court, the judge just fined him $1."

The judge also belittled the efforts of

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Staff Photo by Richard Sennott

New Brighton resident Deanna Brayton has posted signs on a variety of animal rights issues, to the dissatisfaction of many of her neighbors.

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animal-rights activists, and he was reprimanded by the state Board on Judicial Standards. Brayton offered her own reprimand, a sign in her front yard.

"Then I had the city writing me, telling me I had to take it down."

Other people in New Brighton put up signs she said, but they don't get cross letters from City Hall. "One [woman] across the street had this big steak fry, and she had a sign up for that. They have garage-sale signs, and they're billboard size."

The MCLU noted other apparent discrepancies in enforcement.

"While the city was quick to censor Ms. Brayton's animal-rights signs, it did nothing about much larger yard signs expressing support for Operation Desert Storm and for the Minnesota Twins," the MCLU said in a statement.

Mayor Bob Benke said most yard signs are temporary and thus don't receive official review.

"They're up a while and then they disappear," he said. "Hers have been up a long time."

Benke said the city had no complaint with the content of Brayton's signs — except that it's impossible for passing motorists to read them.

The sign that began the dispute "was in a highly visible place," he said, but motorists "had to stop and look, and that blocks traffic."

The city embraces the constitutional right to free expression, Benke said. But it also must "protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents," and the reasonable regulation of yard signs is part of that.

"The question then becomes, 'Are our guidelines reasonable and prudent?' Obviously, we believe they are, and the [district] court agreed."

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Brayton insists that it's her message, not her medium, that rankles people.

When she challenged the city's sign ordinance, things began to appear in her yard: a decapitated rabbit, dead squirrels, pieces of fish.

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>
> **Deanna Brayton**

Someone threw paint on the house. Early one morning, somebody ran over her sign with a truck.

She said she found live animals left behind the tires of her car. A man called and threatened to kill her 7-year-old daughter.

People objected to the graphic images on her signs.

"I had a sign up about dissection," she said. "They said it might traumatize their children. But their children are allowed to do dissection in school.

"I don't put swearing or anything obscene on the signs. There have been pictures that were pretty bad: a raccoon in a trap who had part of his paw caught, and a rabbit they had done testing on.

"But it's the truth. People need to know how bad the traps are, what they can do, that animals do suffer . . . it's not just some painless thing. It's like a lot of issues today: You can sugarcoat it all you want, but that's the way it is."

Neighbors also objected to the physical condition of her signs. Brayton acknowledged that they sometimes looked shabby.

"I would put up good signs," she said. "I even had one done professionally once. But then somebody would run it down, throw paint on it. I'd go out at least twice a week and change it or fix it up, but I got tired of putting that kind of money into it just to see it wrecked the next day.

"I told them, 'If you want it to look decent, quit running it down.' "

People do stop to read small print on the sign, Brayton said, though not in traffic-blocking numbers. Some come to the door to ask for more information. Some offer encouragement.

"They come up to me and say, 'I think it's great what you're doing; keep on fighting.' "

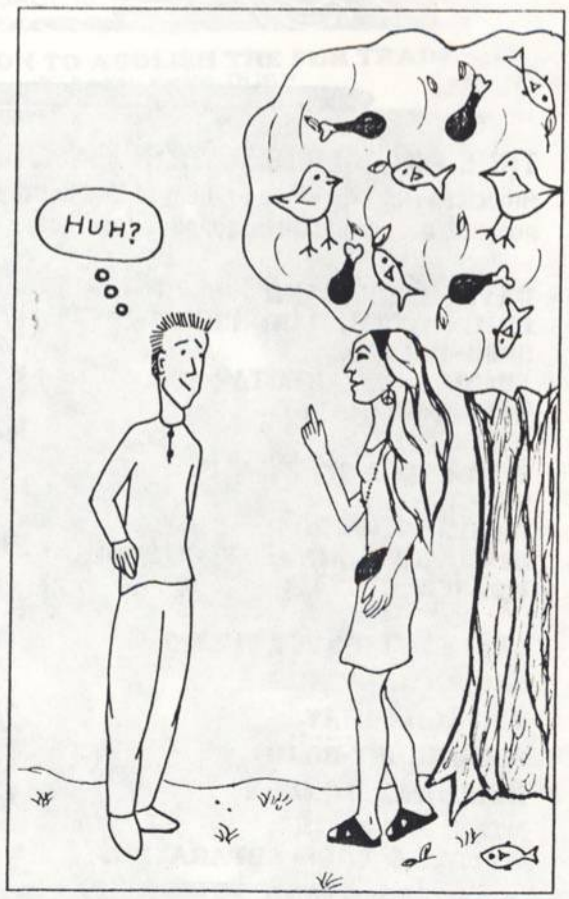
She gets qualified support from her husband, Jerry.

"He is not for animal rights like I am," Deanna Brayton said. "It's not that he believes in abusing animals, but he believes in [the use of animals in medical] testing. And he hunts.

"We've learned to respect each other's opinions, and he supports my right to free speech."

She intends to see the sign issue through. But she sometimes resents the time and energy it takes.

"There are so many more worthwhile causes and things to scream about than a sign," she said.



Yeah, I'm a polo-pesco vegetarian-- you know, I eat chicken and fish.

Atlanta Activists Make Stand!

Six Arrested For 'Acts of Conscience' At Yerkes



(ABOVE) Atlanta blockaders, from left, Phyllis Bedford, Vivian Rodriguez, Jonathan Paul, Margaret Hetrick, Sue McCrosky and Michelle Holt.

Frustrated with government in-action following an investigation into abuse at Yerkes Primate Research Center at Emory University, six dedicated animal rights activists formed a human barricade at 7:30 a.m. to keep researchers from continuing their torture.

Eventually, the activists were arrested, but their non-violent resistance to the murder of the primates at Yerkes resulted in massive news coverage, and renewed activism in the Atlanta area. The activists call on animal activists nationwide to join them in future non-violent "acts of resistance."

The activists included members from Last Chance for Animals and Friends of Animals, assisted by legal and media professionals arranged for by the National Activist Network.

All legal means have failed at Yerkes, despite a government report verifying that Yerkes has used BB guns, and scalding hot water to move primates and readily slapped baby primates to "physically reprimand" them.

For more information about the action, call Atlanta 404/242-4343 or the Network 916/452-7179

Animal Raids

Terrified villagers in eastern India are beating drums, setting off firecrackers and using torches to drive off marauding elephants and leopards that have been attacking plantations in the region. At least six people were trampled or mauled to death in West Bengal state during the first two weeks of April, and seven others were seriously injured by the animals.

"Terror has gripped the 7,000 tea garden workers, and they refuse to go to work for fear of leopards," said Samar Nath Chatterjee, an official of the Indian Tea Association in Calcutta. Staying at home has not been all that safe either. Because of rapidly shrinking forests, the elephants have wandered into the villages, smashing mud-and-straw huts where many of the workers live.

Additional Sources: U.S. Climate Analysis Center, Meteo Mauritius, Australian Bureau of Meteorology, U.S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.

Bear Farms

Animal activists in Boston have launched a petition drive to end the practice of bear "farming" in China, where the animals are "milked" for medicinal purposes. The World Society for the Protection of Animals believes about 5,000 of the Asiatic black bears have been imprisoned for more than a decade inside cramped cages in China, with metal tubes permanently inserted into their gall bladders to extract bile. The fluid is widely used as a tonic for a variety of common ailments.

Even though cubs are regularly taken from China's declining wild population for such uses, Beijing has defended the bear farms as an important method of protecting the species.

FORT SMITH — A man who graduated with an animal science degree was convicted of beating a lamb at a livestock auction to make it seem more attractive to judges.

Kyle Schwedtfeger was found guilty Thursday of cruelty to animals, a misdemeanor, and fined $1,000.

Schwedtfeger, 22, graduated from Oklahoma State University. He beat the lamb with his hands at the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair Junior Livestock Auction last September.

The beating was intended to cause the lamb's body to swell so it would feel more firm to judges, officials said.

FROM WIRE REPORTS

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The Edmonton **Journal, Friday, May 13, 1994**

Animal rights activist gets jail sentence

'Crimes of urban intimidation'

KATHLEEN ENGMAN
Legal Affairs Writer

Edmonton

An animal rights activist who kidnapped cats and fire-bombed fish company trucks had his suspended sentence replaced Thursday with two years less a day in jail.

"A free society cannot survive when zealots . . . deliberately break the law in an effort to impose their will on others by dangerous and unlawful intimidation," three Alberta Court of Appeal justices said in sentencing Darren Todd Thurston.

No matter how laudable their motives or how passionate their beliefs, such zealots undermine a free society, the justices said in a written judgment.

The justices said it's important to "indicate in the clearest possible terms that crimes of urban intimidation are totally inconsistent with the freedoms . . . of a democratic Canada.

"Those freedoms depend upon the recognition by every citizen of the rule of law."

Thurston pleaded guilty to arson, and break and enter with intent to commit an indictable offence. On Sept. 3, 1993, a Court of Queen's Bench justice gave him a suspended sentence, noting that he'd already spent 15 months in pre-trial custody. Other mitigating factors included Thurston's relative youth of 23 years, his guilty pleas, and no prior criminal record.

"The suspended sentence does not reflect the seriousness of the circumstances in which the offences were committed . . . The crimes had an element of urban intimidation to them," the justices said.

They also upheld the trial judge's order that Thurston pay $73,725 for property damage he caused.

Bryan Fallwell, owner of Billingsgate Fish Company Ltd., said he was pleased that Thurston's sentence had been increased. "I thought he got off much too lightly the first time."

If Thurston had picketed his store, he said he could have accepted it. "But to take it into a terrorist situation, it is criminal."

Thurston, a leader of the Animal Liberation Front, and accomplices had set fire to three Billingsgate trucks on Dec. 15, 1991. The fire spread. Ironically, about a dozen lobsters died because the fire caused a short in the water circulation system in their tanks.

Lives of firefighters were endangered because one of the trucks was fuelled with highly explosive propane. Total damage was $54,940. Scrawled on the walls were the words: "murder" "revenge" and "ALF."

Six months later, Thurston and accomplices broke into the University of Alberta's Bio Animal Kennel. Phone cords were cut, paint was splashed and files were strewn about. Twenty-nine cats valued at $44,350 were stolen. Scrawled on the walls were the messages: "We'll be back for the mice" and "No more." Damage there was $22,375.

On June 8, 1992, Thurston and others sent a communique to the media, along with pictures of two people holding cats and a banner reading "Free ALF." The communique to *The Edmonton Journal* said the group intended to set fire to a university building, but "unfortunately we ran out of time." It also said "Shut down your labs and re-introduce the prisoners to their native habitat. We won't stop until they do."

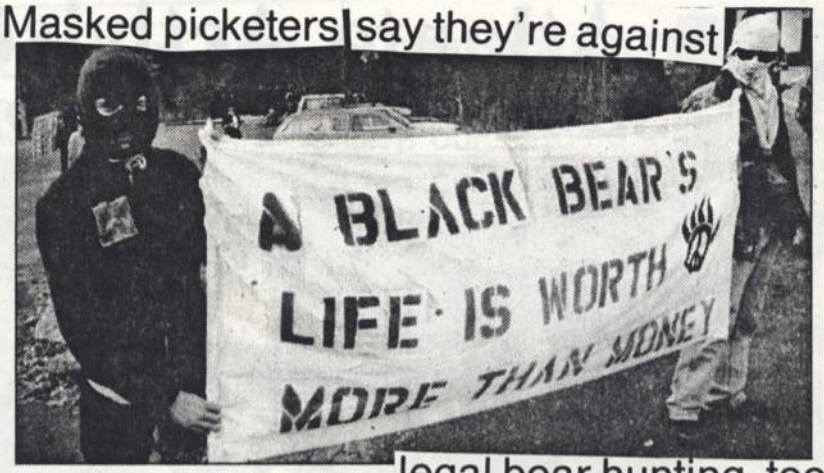
The justices added that Thurston's new sentence is not "by any means the maximum sentence which the court is prepared to impose in cases of dangerous and unlawful public intimidation."

IN THE HOME

When police searched Darren Todd Thurston's home on June 19, 1991, they found:

- **a 9-mm handgun loaded with 15 rounds of ammunition**
- **150 rounds of 9-mm ammunition**
- **128 rounds of 6.72-mm ammunition**
- **a gas mask**
- **two training grenades**
- **two bayonets**
- **police scanners**
- **an Animal Liberation Front publication on how to make incendiary bombs**
- **an Animal Liberation Front primer with an article on fire-bombing and delayed arson devices and another article on improvised weapons**

Masked picketers say they're against



legal bear hunting, too

By RUSSELL WORKING
of the Mail Tribune

Feb. 27, 1994

bear

APPLEGATE — While a handful of locals watched from the parking lot of a nearby store, 26 protesters pulled into Applegate Park, spread out by a bridge along Highway 238 and began waving picket signs.

Two strung a banner from the bridge: "NO COMPROMISE IN DEFENSE OF INDIGENOUS SPECIES." A woman drummed on a bongo, another jingled tambourines. Some of the protesters, saying they feared reprisals, hid their faces behind ski masks, bandannas, even an old T-shirt.

"Stop killing bears!" they chanted. "Stop killing bears!"

A handful of kids in front of the store shouted back, "Start killing bears! Start killing bears!"

Demo

The protesters from Bear Defense Action Network were rallying in opposition to poaching, which they say is driving bears to the brink of extinction ("STOP THE HOLOCAUST!" reads a network flier). The network's long-term goal is to end bear hunting altogether, said organizer Collin Jerwood, a 28-year-old tree planter from the Applegate Valley.

Protesters disputed the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, which estimates there is one bear per square mile — a medium to high population.

After the rally, the protesters took their picket signs to Williams.

Jerwood said the network is launching "poach patrols" to protect bears. Recently he ran into a poacher with his dogs, he said.

Williams resident Larry Stout, 50, said that when he was younger, he used to hunt deer. After suffering a disabling injury in a motorcycle accident, Stout began rethinking his life. He finds bear hunting especially distasteful.

"I can't imagine anyone getting satisfaction from killing a bear," Stout said. "A bear, when it's skinned out, looks just like a human."

A 20-year-old cook from an Ashland vegetarian restaurant said protesters were the voice for animals who can't speak for themselves. The man, who wore a bandanna and declined to give his name, said it's selfish for humans to slaughter bears.

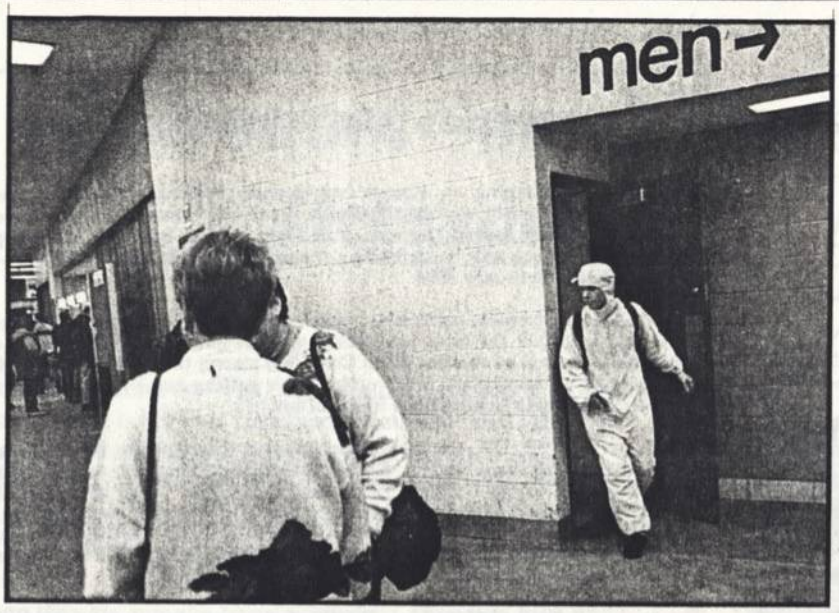
"Just because we're smarter doesn't mean we're better than animals," he said.

After a moment's reflection, he corrected himself: "I don't mean we're smarter. We just have more complex brain structure. Saying we're smarter implies we're better."

Megan Williamson, a 17-year-old Ashland High School Student, scoffed at hunters.

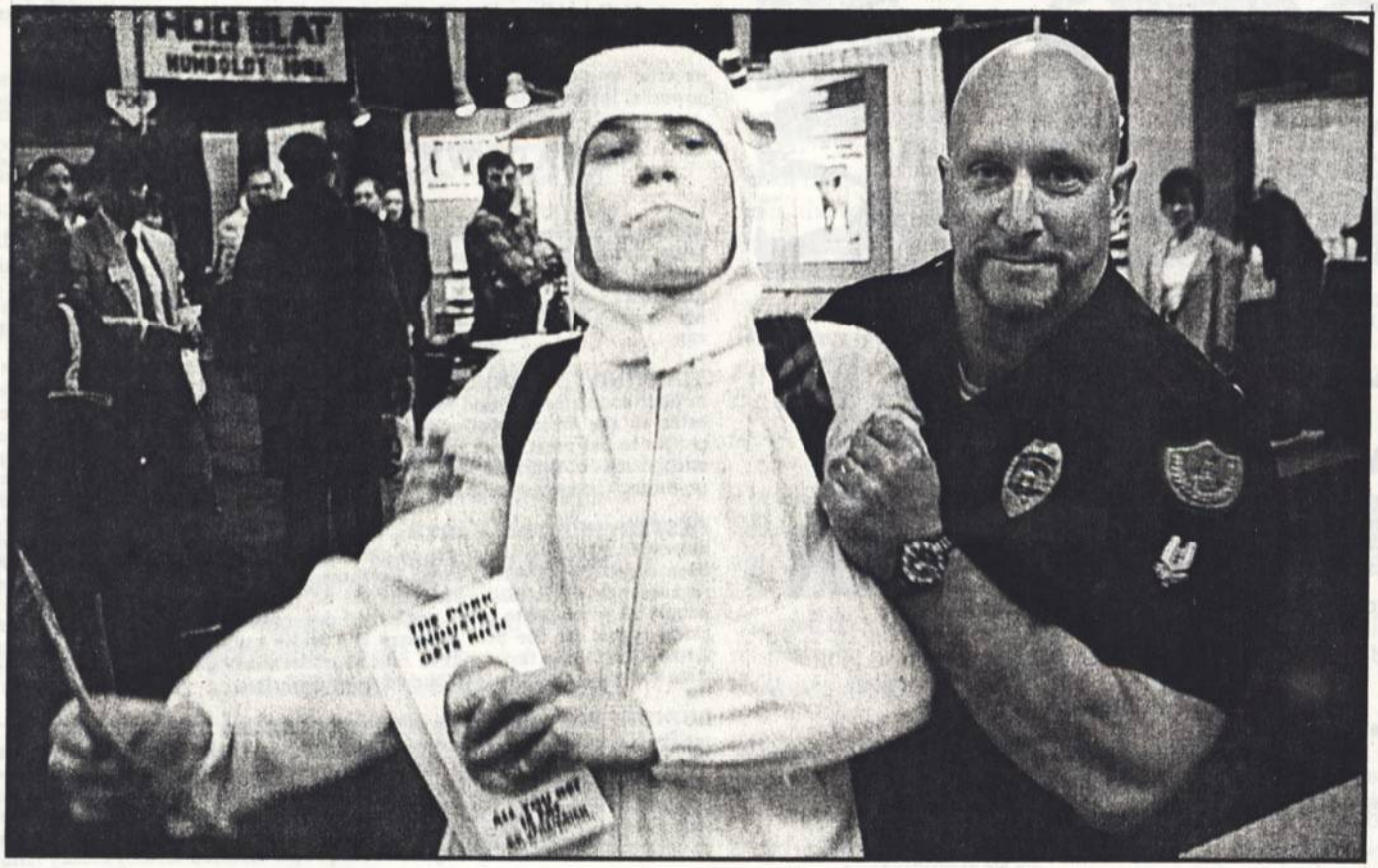
"I think it's pretty ridiculous," she said. "There's just no reason for it. It's some kind of ego thing to kill something really big and throw it down on your floor."

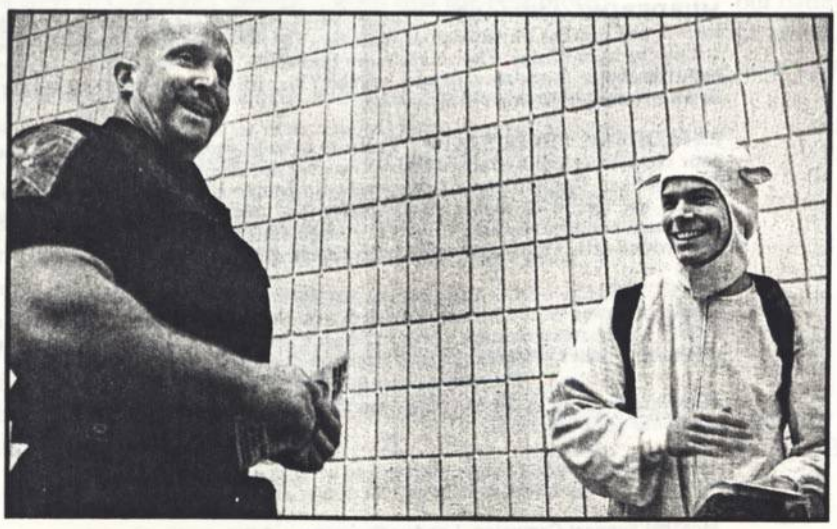
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This little piggy landed in the pokey

The Minnesota Pork Congress' gathering at the St. Paul Civic Center caught the attention of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), which notified the media of its plans Thursday to come to the event and creatively contend that eating pork is unhealthy. The shtick started with PETA's Freeman Wicklund dashing out of a men's room in a pig get-up.





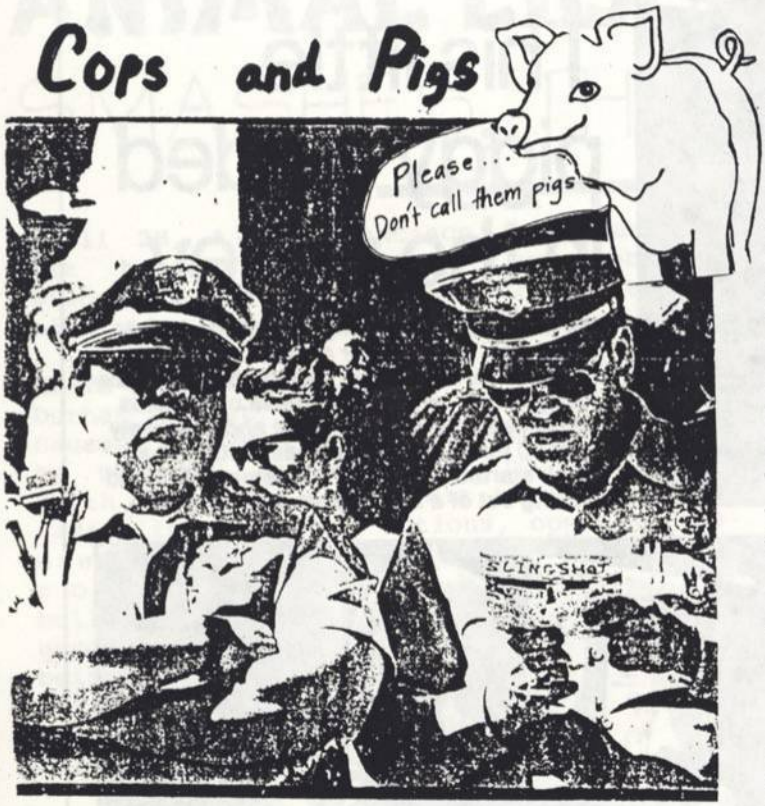
After Wicklund distributed literature in the exhibition hall that promoted the virtues of vegetarianism, a guard hired by the congress (he refused to give his name) got his man — er, pig.

While waiting for St. Paul police to arrive, Wicklund and the guard found the humor in their encounter.

Police took Wicklund into custody and charged him with trespassing and disorderly conduct.

Staff Photos by Jeff Wheeler

Cops and Pigs



Today I called a cop a pig. But I forgot that at the same time I was calling the pig a cop. And let me tell you, the pig was insulted!



Pigs are our friends

Pigs mind their own business

Pigs have curly tails

Pigs excrete un-self-consciously

Pigs are highly intelligent creatures

Pigs grunt with joy

Pigs are oppressed

Pigs are maligned by those in power



Cops are not

Cops do not

Cops have guns

Cops are anal

Cops are known to possess a certain small cunning but are not generally characterized as intelligent

Cops grunt with aggression

Cops oppress

Cops are glorified by those in power

SO who are we really insulting?

Fascist pig, Imperialist pig, Capitalist pig, Male Chauvinist Pig... We label pigs with the most unappealing characteristics that human culture has ever produced, but WE put the pigs in those conditions in the first place. Pigs are consistently abused, tortured, raped, confined, and slaughtered because of the very structures they are so often identified with. They are victims, not aggressors. The last thing they need is to be associated with the police state. In a society founded on the oppression of all who do not possess heterosexuality, all who do not possess whiteness and maleness and wealth, how can we fail to recognize the oppression of those who simply lack humanness?

by P. bean

McDONALD'S TRIES TO SILENCE CRITICISM

McDonald's are trying to silence world-wide criticism of their practices by threatening legal action against those who speak out. Many have been forced to back down because they lacked the money to fight a case. But now, two supporters of London Greenpeace will be defending themselves in a major High Court libel trial starting on 28th February 1994.

Libel cases are complex, oppressive, unfair, and also hugely expensive, and with no Legal Aid available the odds are stacked against members of the public defending themselves. On top of this the High Court has shown that it will bend and break its own rules in an attempt to prevent the truth getting out - in order to protect the interests of powerful institutions like McDonald's.

In a huge COVER UP, the $20 billion a year Corporation has been allowed to withhold company documents and other information from the defence which would verify the truth of the London Greenpeace statements. Even after this, the Courts were still so worried by the determination of the unwaged defendants that the judge ruled he was TAKING AWAY their RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL. The same judge will try the case and clearly he fears that a jury might back the defendants and be outraged that this case was ever brought at all.

The trial will be a platform for dozens of defence witnesses to expose the truth about McDonald's. It will also be a focus for stepping up protests against McDonald's before, during and AFTER the trial - whatever the 'verdict'.

Its vital to stand up to intimidation and to defend free speech. McDonald's and powerful institutions like them must be forced to apologise for THEIR crimes.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH McDONALD'S?

McDonald's spends a fortune on advertisements, trying to cultivate an image of being a 'caring' and 'green' company that is also a fun place to eat. Children are lured in (dragging their parents behind them) with the promise of toys and other gimmicks. But behind the smiling face of Ronald McDonald lies the reality - McDonald's only interest is money; making profits from whoever and whatever they can.

STARVING THE POOR - While millions of people are starving, vast areas of land in poor countries are used for cattle ranching or to grow grain to feed animals to be eaten in the West. McDonald's continually promote meat products, encouraging people to eat meat more often, which wastes more and more food resources. 145 million tons of grain fed to livestock produces only 21 million tons of meat and by-products. On a vegetarian diet Britain could easily be self-sufficient in food.

DESTROYING THE EARTH - The world's most beautiful forests are being destroyed at an appalling rate by multinational companies. McDonald's have at last been forced to admit to using beef reared on ex-rainforest land, preventing the regeneration of forests. Also, the use of farmland by multinationals forces local people to move on to other areas and cut down more trees. Methane emitted by cattle reared for the beef industry is a major cause of the 'global warming' crisis. Around the world thousands of tons of unnecessary packaging ends up littering our streets or polluting the land buried in landfill sites.

RUINING YOUR HEALTH - McDonald's promote their food as 'healthy', but the reality is that it is high in animal fat, sugar and salt, and low in fibre and vitamins. A diet of this type is linked to heart disease, cancer, diabetes and other diseases. Their food also contains many chemical additives, some of which may cause ill health, and hyperactivity in children. Don't forget too that meat is the cause of the majority of food poisoning incidents. In February 1991, McDonald's was named as the source of an outbreak of food poisoning, in which people suffered serious kidney failure.

MURDERING ANIMALS - The menus of the burger chains are based on the torture and murder of millions of animals. They are intensively farmed, often never seeing the light of day. Their deaths are barbaric - 'humane slaughter' is a myth. We have the choice to eat meat or not, but the 750 million animals massacred for food in Britain each year have no choice at all.

EXPLOITING THEIR STAFF - Pressure to keep profits high results in low wages, poor conditions and understaffing. As a consequence accidents, particularly burns, are common. The majority of employees are people who have few job opportunities and so are forced to accept this exploitation. Not surprisingly staff turnover at McDonald's is high, making it virtually impossible to unionise and fight for a better deal, which suits McDonald's who have always opposed Unions.

WHAT YOU CAN DO - Together we can fight back against the institutions and the people in power who dominate our lives and our planet, and we can create a better society without exploitation. Talk to friends and family, neighbours and workmates about these issues. Please copy and circulate this leaflet as widely as you can.

(Leaflets available, £12 per 1,000, from 0602 585666, and 061 953 4039, or for London area only - 071 837 7557).

* Step up the protests before, during and after the trial
* Please send donations to help pay for defence witness fares etc.

McLibel Support Campaign, London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX.

Clayoquot Sound Black Bear Hunt: Defenders Take Action

— by Julie Draper, BearWatch

Black bear rumbles down to the beach during low tide to find breakfast. He is healthy, strong and beautiful. He is also half blind in the sunlight, and as he flips over the rocks looking for little crabs, he is quite unaware of the men sitting in a boat, watching him. In a blast of a second, his life is over — not from illness, starvation or old age, but from an action he could never understand. The men cautiously approach him. When they are sure the bear is very dead, they skin him, and congratulate each other.

This trophy hunt may be legal in the court, but it is a violent crime against Nature. Many folks in Clayoquot Sound are opposed to trophy hunting (91% in the community values survey) and some of us have been meeting on this issue and discussing how to stop it. Four years ago we worked very hard to discourage Wayne Wiebe, a licensed hunting guide, from coming back to Clayoquot Sound. Clients from the US pay Wiebe top dollar for the experience of looking for bears by boat, killing them and taking the bear skin as trophy. They do not track the bear through the bush and they do not eat the meat. The bear's body is left to rot on the beach.

Wiebe and his party were again discovered in Clayoquot Sound. They were followed by boats of concerned residents back to the loading ramp and to Wiebe's truck. A lot of frustrated conversation took place — on the part of the bear protectors because a bear had been shot and skinned, and on the part of Wiebe's party because only one bear had been killed that day. As Wiebe started to back his truck down the ramp to load his boat, a bear protector blocked his truck. She felt this issue needed further discussion and couldn't sympathize with anyone missing a hockey game. As everyone exchanged opinions, the boat carrying the skin drifted over to a couple of bear protectors standing in their boat. The skin was lifted out of the boat, with the announcement, "This bear stays in Clayoquot Sound!" With that the bear protectors roared off with the skin.

Naturally, the energy changed, and some threats were made. The RCMP arrived shortly after and everyone travelled back to town to carry on the discussion. Meanwhile, in a peaceful place, away from guns, anger and argument, a quiet ceremony was held for the bear. Prayers of love and respect were given to the bear's spirit, and the skin was laid to rest in a place where other bears have rested too.

Following this action of conscience, the seven residents of Tofino were charged with interfering with the trophy killing of black bears. The charges were laid by Wayne Wiebe, who is also licensed to take clients out to kill elk, deer, mountain lions, and wolves. On Vancouver Island his black bear kills are as follows: 1986: 70, 1987: 61, 1988: 66, 1989: 92, 1990: 63, 1991: 54. People living in the Clayoquot Sound wilderness are reporting very few to no sightings of black bear anymore. The assault on their population by trophy killing, poaching and clearcutting of habitat combined with a slow reproduction rate (one or two cubs every two or three years) has put the black bear in a crisis situation.

The black bear is now on the Endangered Species list of the World Society for the Protection of Animals. The Asian trade in bear gall bladders has made the bear more "valuable" dead than alive. In BC alone 3500 black bears are poached annually and another 4000 are killed by "sportsmen."

As for the people facing criminal charges for standing up for bears, the trial went well. The seven bear protectors were represented by five of BC's finest lawyers. One protector was acquitted within the first hour of proceedings, and the next two days of trial exposed the horror of what we have to stop. The horror is armchair killing for entertainment. Of people paying $3,000 to kill a bear while he's feeding peacefully on the beach. Of people leaving the bear's body on the beach to rot and going home with that bear's skin.

The energy in that Tofino courtroom was Bear energy and it followed the Bear people into sentencing. The judge admitted he spent many sleepless nights thinking about this case. As a result another bear protector was released, four received fines from $100 to $500 and the person who actually returned the bear's skin to a respectful place was given a conditional discharge.

When we take a firm, peaceful stand to speak for those who can't the system that works very hard to keep us suppressed will respond. We can no longer afford to feel suppressed and afraid of a system that is out of control and out of sync with our natural world. At this critical point in history, we must listen to our conscience and intuition to bring about balance once again.

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ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT
SMASHES, THRASHES, AND HITS!

April 28, A San Francisco restaurant is hit because it serves live lobster. Windows etched, locks glued: **Crustacean Liberation Front!!!**

EARTH DAY ALF HIT!
Durham's Meat in San Jose and Columbus Sausage and Meat in San Francisco were hit by the ALF in an effort to radicalize Earth Day. The attack was an attempt to radicalize Earth Day actions, opposing the usual "Green" corporate bullshit that the general public is being duped into believing will make a difference.



Animal Liberation Front report for the month of March in the San Francisco Bay Area:
Hanes Firs received glued locks, a sign partially smashed, and slogans painted in front of the store.
A Honey Baked Hams received a glued front door lock, glass etch on the windows, and slogans all over the store front.
A butcher shop received glass etch on the windows and spray painted slogans.
A milk ad on the street was smashed.
A McDonalds received a smashed window.
A sheep skin store received two broken windows.
Robert's firs received a glued lock and painted slogans.
The Harris Steak house received glued locks, painted slogans and etched window.
Two trucks at Robert's Corned Beef received slashed tires, painted slogans, etched or broken windows, and one had its locks glued

RECENT ALF ACTIONS TIMELINE

Feb. 20, Middent's Furs in Oakland -- locks glued, windows smashed, and paint bombs thrown inside. J.E. Harl Furs in Walnut Creek -- Locks glued, exterior painted.

Feb. 19, the ALF liberated 6 rabbits from Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, CA. Students told the ALF of a professor who killed a rabbit by snapping its neck, and bragged about it. The animals were taken from the Horticulture garden and placed in a caring, permanent home to guarantee that they will live out their lives in safety.

Feb. 5, Kane's Furs in San Francisco -- locks glued, slogans painted, and neon sign smashed. Herbert's Furs in SF -- door etched and lock glued. A veal restaurant had its windows etched.

Jan. 29, Kane's Furs had holes put through its windows.

Jan. 27, Nagano Furs in San Francisco -- windows etched.

Jan. 22, Kane's Furs -- lock glued, slogans painted, and holes put in its windows.

Jan. 17, Middent's Furs in Oakland -- windows etched, locks glued, slogans painted, and canvas awning torn to shreds.

Jan. 16, Activists not part of ALF threw red paint on Robert's Furs in San Francisco.

Jan. 13, survey stakes were pulled up at a clear-cut site in Tillamook County, OR, in an action to sabotage those who destroy wildlife habitat.

Jan. 7, Mansoor Furs, the only furriers in Stockton, CA, had its lock glued and slogans spray-painted. A Chuck E. Cheese Restaurant received similar treatment.

Jan. 5, Tarlow's Furs in San Jose, CA, had several windows smeared with etching fluid.

Dec. 23, activists damaged 25-30 fur garments in 5 San Francisco department stores and on the streets with superglue, razorblades, and scissors.

Nov. 1994, two cars belonging to fur store owners had windows broken in Los Angeles.

Nov. 26, Z Furman Fur Service (private home) was paint bombed. Bernard's Fine Furs (private home) had front windows smashed and paint bombs thrown. Saga Fur and Leather was paint bombed and had its locks glued and most windows etched. Herbert's Furs had locks glued. Michelle's Furs had locks to building glued. A Sheepskin store was paint bombed. Kane's Furs had its locks glued, slogans painted and front windows broken. JE Harl fur store had locks glued, windows etched, slogans painted, and an expensive light fixture destroyed. Middent's Furs had locks glued, windows etched, and slogans sprayed. A California Fur Industry skyscraper had locks glued and windows etched.

Nov. 22, a van for a veal distributor had its windshield etched with acid and its tires slashed. A ham retailer had its windows broken, slogans painted, and locks glued. Two butcher shops had their locks glued, slogans were painted on walls, and windows were etched. McDonald's had "#1 killer in the world" painted on the walls and its locks glued.

Oct. 31, an Alameda County butcher shop had its locks glued, windows etched with acid, and slogans were painted on the walls. A ham retailer had its locks glued, windows etched with acid, and a large front window was broken. McDonald's had an window broken. A fur store had locks glued, slogans painted on walls and windows etched with acid.

Oct. 28, pumpkin with "Happy Halloween from the ALF" written on it thrown through the window of an Alameda County chicken restaurant and the locks were glued as well

Oct. 17, a fur store in Walnut Creek had locks glued and slogans painted on walls.

Sept. 20, and Alameda County butcher shop and poultry shop had locks glued and slogans etched on the windows with acid.

Sept. 15, an Alameda County butcher shop and meat jobber was hit with sprayed slogans and several windows were broken.

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UNDERCOVER REPORT ON THE FUR FARM INDUSTRY

To effectively fight the industries of animal abuse, we must understand the way they work and know their weak points. We are publishing this article to give our readers important information that can be used to destroy the fur trade as well as to show the animal killers that we can and will infiltrate them at every step of the way. In the future, we hope to have more articles of this nature on various animal abusing businesses.

On January 8, 1994, the fur farm industry had their annual International Mink Show in Madison, Wisconsin. I went to this event as an investigator for the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade. I discovered many things that confirm the need for the animal rights movement to continue to focus as much energy as possible on this issue.

Before I discuss the findings from this investigation, I would like to thank D'Arcy Kinmetz and the Alliance for Animals for conducting an excellent protest and civil disobedience at this event. Five members of the group raided the conference, with several of them wearing bloody fur coats. Two of them chained themselves to the podium while the other three were physically pushed out of the building. Eventually, security had to remove the entire podium that the protesters were chained to! This received news coverage on three TV stations.

I began my investigation by talking to the organizer of the event, a fur farmer named Gene Cooper from Wisconsin. He claimed that China has just opened its first fur stores and is a new market for the industry. The industry is also exploring the possibilities of opening fur markets in South America. Korea is the biggest fur consuming nation, and national groups should take note of this as they are in a position to do something about it. Koreans could consume all of the mink pelts produced in North America and then some! There is so little mink produced these days, 18 million a year compared to 45 million annually in the late 80's, that supply is below demand and fur farmers are starting to make money again. They estimate that is will take ten years to meet this demand. Of course, this estimate does not take the animal liberation movement into consideration! An anti-fur effort in Korea and all the Far East is imperative to our success.

The first workshop was on Aleutian Disease (AD.) This is a disease that has wiped out several fur farms in the last year. Farmers dread AD and believe that a cure will never be developed. They believe that is ,must be prevented by testing all breeding mink and killing those infected. Several researchers are experimenting with mink in an effort to find ways to curb this disease and save the industry money. They include Rocky Mountain Laboratories in Hamilton, Montana with Dr. Marshal Bloom and Utah State University in Logan, Utah with Dr. Gary Durrant.

Evidently, AD has become a big problem in Utah. Raccoons are not native to the state, but were introduced for hunting purposes. The raccoons approach mink in fur farms and transmit the disease to them. Utah activists take note, efforts are underway to eradicate the raccoons.

One speaker, Kent Disse from Minnesota, claimed that formaldogen gas can be used to disinfect the cages and prevent AD. The fur farmers recognize that this chemical is currently illegal, but they still went into detail on how to make it. It was recommended that this chemical be made without employee help in order to avoid criminal prosecution.

There were two other things that I noticed during this workshop. One is that researcher John Gorham of Washington State University developed an iodine program to help detect AD. The fur farmers claim that this test is ineffective. This is just one more example of minks and other animals being tortured in labs for results that are of no use. Fortunately, the ALF has virtually crippled Dr. Gorham's mink research. The other thing will be of no surprise to anyone. The fur farmers talked about ways to keep other wildlife away from their mink to eliminate the possibilities of disease transmission. One said that starlings were a problem at his farm so he placed a bowl of feed at the edge of his farm. They would then flock to this feed and became used to it. He then added salt so that it was 30% salt and 70% feed. He claimed that the starlings ate this mixture once and never came back. When asked if this killed the birds, he proclaimed "Who cares?" to a roomful of laughter.

The next workshop dealt with melatonin implants. After a ten year process, the FDA is about to approve this product (which is now available.) Melatonin causes the mink to fur out sooner. To explain, each winter fur bearing animals develop a thicker, prime coat. It is at this point that they are skinned and killed. By injecting mink, fox, chinchilla, or Finnish raccoon with melatonin, the animals fur out in October instead of December.

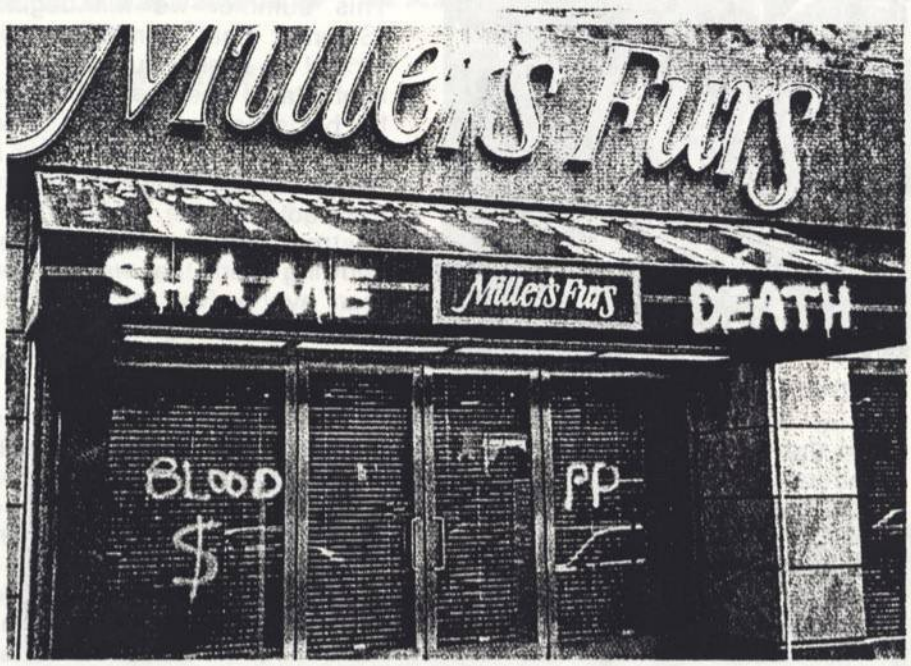
The advantage to this is the savings in terms of labor and feed. The average mink consumes 64 pounds of feed before being killed. Mink who have been injected with melatonin consume an average of 52 pounds of feed before slaughter. Feed costs are cut by 18.8%.

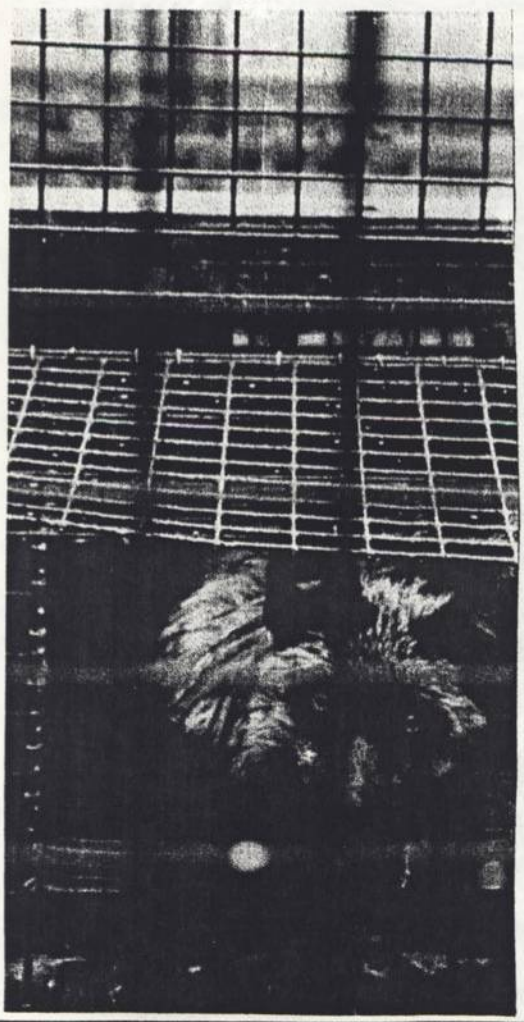


One mink farmer claimed that in tests, melatonin implanted mink had heavier leather and were harder to flesh. This is undesirable to the fur farmers. The manufacturer said that an early pelting out process avoids this problem. He added that this implant will not reduce fighting or self mutilation. He also pointed out that melatonin is already available in Canada and one fur farm using the product was receiving two to four dollars more per pelt than the average mink farmer.

This is the first FDA-approved chemical ever produced for mink besides antibiotics and vaccines. The sole purpose of this product is to save the fur farmer money. It costs about 40 cents per dose and is injected into the loose skin between the shoulder blades. The manufacturer, Terry Cairns of Wildlife Pharmaceuticals, said, "Mink don't seem to mind it too much. I think they mind being handled more than being injected."

Wildlife Pharmaceuticals is the only company that makes this product, since four others could not afford the FDA approval process. They are located at 1401 Duff Drive, Suite 600, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 1-800-222-WILD. Terry Cairns is a fox farmer as well.





The next discussion was about how to increase breeder reproduction. The fur farmers have decided to expose the mink to one and a half hour of lighting each morning or evening in addition to sunlight hours. This tricks the minks' biological systems and pushes breeding success up from about 85% to 93%.

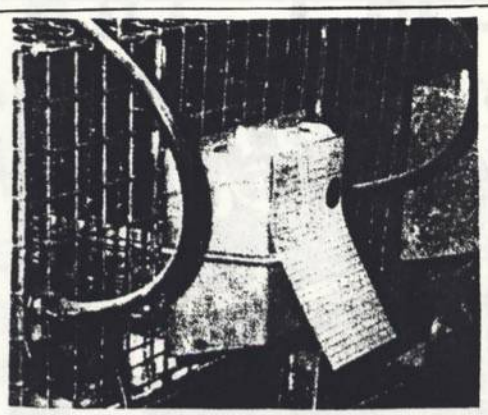
The real key to their success, however, is through scientifically formulated mink feed. Perhaps the main mink research center at this point is the National Fur Foods Experimental Mink Ranch. The other big players were crippled by the ALF, but this one is, at this point, untouched. They have developed feed which, when added to the standard wet feed (ground up slaughterhouse by-products and grain,) cuts disease rates in half by reducing bacteria counts in the feed. This product also helps develop minks with lighter leather, silkier fur, uniform pelt size, and breeders with better milking and bigger kits. This is a major asset to the fur farm industry.

The National Fur Foods Co., which is a subsidiary of National Milk Specialities, is located in New Holstein, Wisconsin. The experimental fur farm may be located in nearby Oshkosh. They can be reached at 1-800-558-5803. This company needs to be shut down!

The spread of Aleutian Disease is of great concern to the fur farm industry. The development of high quality pelts while cutting costs at the same time may be their only greater concern. Furriers feel that U.S. mink quality is getting worse. Once again, National Fur Foods is working to solve this problem. They claim that their feed is specially formulated to produce lighter leather, silkier fur, etc. I cannot emphasize more how evil, and how crucial, this company is.

The next workshop covered management, pelt prices, and the future. With pelt prices up, due to lack of supply, the fur farmers plan to upgrade their equipment and buy new breeding stock to eliminate some of the inbreeding that was going on. It was again mentioned that using National Fur Foods crumlets would save them money. One mink farmer warned against expanding the mink herds as this would lead to lower prices. An updated water system has been produced by Aqua Cir-Clean of Green Bay, Wisconsin. It was promoted as a real money saver in terms of labor costs.

The mink industry has a problem with animals dying shortly after birth. It was recommended that they watch kits closely during April and May as this is the time when they are born. National Fur Foods claims that they have people at their experimental fur farm during all hours of the night during this time period. They are watching the kits to correct any problems that will lead to an early death.



The next discussion covered the use of antibiotics in mink to help keep them alive until pelting time. I overheard someone say that only 3 antibiotics are approved for use in mink. The speaker mentioned this but continued to list 10 or 15 different antibiotics that could be used along with the correct dosages.

Mike Savidusky of Savidusky Furs in Madison, Wisconsin spoke next. Due to a lack of competition, he is once again on stable ground. his focus is on youth and he is experiencing his best times since 1986. It is apparent that overconfident activists are ignoring the fur issue because they believe that we've already won. The battle isn't even half over and we must continue to hit the furriers hard.

The ecology issue is something that the furriers are now focusing on. They say that fur is a "natural" product. They ignore the fact that 66 times more energy goes into the production of a fur coat than a synthetic one. The Coalition To Abolish the Fur Trade has information to counter every one of their claims of this issue.

Due to higher pelt prices, wholesale rates will be higher next year. They won't be able to sell their coats at near nothing prices during the '94-'95 season. In response to this, Savidusky claims that 40-45% of his profits are now coming from cleaning, restyling, remodeling, etc., so even if he sells low, he can make more money when more fur is on the street. There is a small group of furriers, all at least 300 miles apart, who are unloading tons of merchandise at extremely low prices to capitalize on this. They all schedule their sales around each other and get the merchandise on consignment.

It is the fur industry's belief that the movement against them is weakening because our protests have been less confrontational and shorter. What does this tell you? We must have large, long, loud protests. This summer we will begin our "Summer Heat" campaign. Up to 10% of the mink on fur farms die from heat related diseases and this will be the basis for the campaign. It would be great if other groups joined us in this new, angry campaign that aims to truly educate the public. We can destroy the furriers' morale by showing them that we're stronger than ever-we've just been putting our energies elsewhere for the past two years. We must focus on the fur trade and win!

(The next workshop, given by the Fur Farm "Animal Welfare" Coalition, described a new propaganda video to be shown to Michigan schoolchildren that promotes animal abuse.)

It is clear that we must embark on a new, confrontational campaign that embraces new tactics as well as old ideas that have proven to be effective. We suggest that activists push for city ordinances that ban the sale of wild fur. This will be the first step in our efforts to completely abolish the fur trade. All stores that still sell fur must be boycotted and they need to know why they lost your business. Fur wearers must be made to feel uncomfortable. They see fur as a status symbol and when they are frowned upon, their coat will lose its appeal. Posters can be put up with a paste made from a flour/water mixture. Stickers and leaflets must be everywhere. Consider investigating fur farms and documenting the conditions the animals are in. We have a small fur farm list and your state department of agriculture may help you as well. If a group of activists conducted a civil disobedience on a fur farm, the media would get shots of the small, filthy cages the mink are kept in. This should be considered. Other activists have sabotaged fur stores and fur farms. This causes the furriers' insurance premiums to skyrocket. I know of a fur store in Memphis that was attacked repeatedly and lost their lease and their insurance.

In conclusion, the fur trade is hurt but still kicking. Grassroots groups must continue to fight in the streets while the national groups need to work on shrinking the fur markets in Korea and the Far East. Let's stop these murderers once and for all!

For More Information, Send A SASE to:

COALITION TO ABOLISH THE FUR TRADE
P.O. Box 40641 Memphis, TN 38174



Bright Colors on Grey day

(I've been meaning to have a word)

This isn't an emotional issue



The poster is one of the most effective, as well as economical, methods available for sharing ones point of view. The "Supreme Court of Canada" recently concluded that posters are a "politically significant" form of communication and cannot be prevented from being placed on public property such as trees and telephone poles. There is currently no law on the books in Edmonton as a result of this decision (as of September 21/93). This means it's time to poster!

Personally I have a real aversion to using staples and tape - simply because any slob who disagrees with you, and is so minded, can easily tear your valued sentiments off and toss them on the ground (often after crumpling them up into a small ball). Stapling is quick - and very inoffensive - but ultimately useless. *Real* anarchists use paste! That is: a combination of flour and warm water mixed thoroughly. Around 1/2 and 1/2 or so depending upon your preference in application. The *Hit and Go* Lone Wolf type of posterer prefers the "mist-spray-bottle-type-deal" used for spraying plants. If the flour/water combination isn't too thick it'll work wonderfully (in winter however, there is a problem with freezing). The other method uses the *ole* bucket and paintbrush approach. Very fast (2 person operation) and messy but ideal for covering poles with loads o' posters.

Unfortunately, most people think of posters only as used in promoting concerts: yet they are capable of conveying any thought or idea that the designer can create. Because of their nature, they are usually offering a different opinion than the traditional big-buck, advertiser owned, mainstream media allows. And like computer telecommunications, posters slip through the cracks of control. There is no defence against its attacks. No way to stop its message.

What if everyone in the city put up 100 posters tomorrow?

Things **can** change.



Is this your dog?



Who Turned Out The Lights?!



Really Dumb Quotes:

Expressing her concern over "loose cannon" facts, "chef" Julia Child says that reports of harmful food additives or facts about food origins are overblown, never disclosing the full story. To exemplify her point, she says this about veal calves:



Yes indeed. What an idea! Let's start a campaign of chaining homeless people in tiny dark crates and feeding them Malt O' Meal day in and day out. Utopia, here we come!

DEAR ANNA MALIB,

A SPACE FOR DISCUSSION OF CREATIVE MEANS TO FIGHT THE POWERS OPPRESSING ANIMALS. NEITHER PAL NOR THE MOVEMENT NECESSARILY ENCOURAGES ANY OF THESE TACTICS OR IDEAS

Dear Anna Malib,

In addition to direct confrontation with hunters to bring your viewpoint to the public, there are also other ways to scuttle and sabotage hunting with virtually no legal or bodily risks.

At all costs, hunters want to avoid the following

1. Noise

2. Scents & odors (gun smoke, human smell, etc.)

3. Visibility

Bogus hunters can supply the above three deterrents to successful hunting. First of all, the anti-hunter must look like a hunter, act like a hunter, and talk like a hunter. To make it absolutely legal, it is necessary to secure a hunting license. Then, engage in the following tactics:

1. Have some common type of flagrant, bright colored piece of clothing (hat, vest, etc.)

2. Plot your area of coverage and travel in pairs (cover as much of a hunting area as possible).

3. Get a safe shooting shotgun & use high power shells -- they make more noise.

4. Alternately and periodically shoot into a dead stump or dirt bank (Also, talk & chatter as you hike through the woods).

5. Smoke cigars & cigarettes (don't burn down the forest). Use other odors, e.g. gun oil, ammonia, stink bombs, citronella oil, camphor, etc.

6. Get some of those military training whistles for dogs -- above the frequency of human hearing. If a dog can hear those high cycles so can all other wild game animals.

7. Watch for the sitters, i.e. hunters who wait for the drivers to push game toward them.

The above will alert the game and make them very wary. It will also cause them to hole up and scatter to safer areas. Oh, I know! It spooks them, but would you rather be spooked a bit or dead? It will work and it is all legal. No warden or law enforcement officer can do a thing about it. Thanks,

Yuka N. Shutem II

Harmful Insects



Insects are everywhere. They fly through the air, crawl on the ground, and live inside the food that you eat.



All insects are bad. They carry diseases, destroy the environment, and adversely affect all mankind.

100? 1000?

Think of how many different kinds of insects there are. How many could there be? A hundred? A thousand? In actuality, there are only six types of insects. Let's look at each one.



This is a common house fly. The fly is a very dangerous insect. If a fly should land on you, you wouldn't live more than an hour. Isn't he cute though?



This is how a spider looks. The webs that spiders spin destroy the ozone layer and make landfills grow rapidly. Have you seen a spider lately? Did you think to kill it?



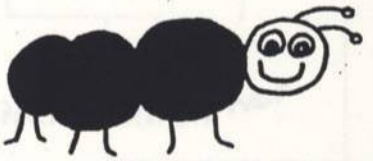
You probably think that bees are good because they make honey. This is a lie. In actuality, honey causes birth defects and kills little lambs. Bees are also atheists. Above all, though, they are very, very bad.



This is a roach. You can find roaches inside your very own home. Most people think roaches are harmless, but they aren't. They are responsible for 95% of America's drug tafficking. They are also Baptists.



Few would argue that the butterfly is a beautiful creature, but did you know that this beautiful creature spreads AIDS and cancer all over the world? How do you like butterflies now, knowing that they are killing all of your friends?



The final insect type is the ant. Everyone knows what hard workers ants are. What everyone doesn't know is that ants break down family values and cause babies to be aborted by the thousands. Ants do work hard, all right. They work hard to screw you over!



So now you know the six types of insects and the harmful effects of each. Insects carry out Satan's will. Each and every little bug contains little parts of the devil. Insects are your friends! They want to enter your soul!

Dear Anna Malib--
A comical way to remind you to teach respesct for insects too!
--Insect Liberation Front

DEAR ANNA MALIB,

Here are some tried-and-true methods of fighting the animal abuser: **1)** The 1-800 tactic. Many animal abusers have toll-free lines for mail order or for other business purposes. For many years now, activists everywhere have been calling these numbers, placing fake orders, and trying to keep them on the line to cost them money.

Due to the effectiveness of the tactic, abusers are no longer charged for these calls, calls are quickly traced, and are often recorded.

The most effective way now is to call over and over again, saying nothing and waiting for them to hang up. As you might imagine, they get very angry and their lines are tied up.

Always call from a pay phone (it's still toll-free) away from your home. Pick one number, and have your friends call 25-30 times each per day each until the number is disconnected either in your area code or nationally, if people in other cities also do it. Then go to the next number. Hundreds of calls a day drastically lowers their morale. It works!

2) Messages everywhere. People become familiar with our message of compassion when they see it all over. Leave stickers and messages in bus stops, pay phones, bathrooms, etc. Wheat paste flyers with bold messages on plywood-covered store fronts. Make it look good and sound good.

SANCTUARIES

Sanctuaries are an integral part of animal liberation. Animals who can not be reintroduced into their natural habitat must have somewhere to live where they can receive the care they need and the freedom they deserve. Most often, the in-humane and cruel way that animals are treated before being rescued leaves the animals in such dismal condition that the best thing humans can do is give them a warm place to rest, rehabilitate, and receive medical care. Sanctuaries need a lot of money to care for the animals. We all need to support them as much as we can. These are just a few of the Sanctuaries that I know of. If you know of one that people should hear about, write us a couple paragraphs about it.

CAPE

P.O. Box 67176, Scotts Valley, CA 95067-7176

The goal for the Center for Animal Protection and Education is to actively educate people about the plight of animals in society today. CAPE's education programs are being offered in the public schools with topics ranging from vivisection and factory farming to hunting and the fur industry. CAPE also collaborates with other Northern California animal protection organizations to address current animal rights issues and legislation.

CAPE has a foster care program, and with the help of several dedicated volunteers has been able to rescue and place over 20 animals in the past five months. The goal is to gradually increase the number of reliable foster homes in order to save many more animals per year. All of the animals rescued and placed by CAPE are spayed or neutered. CAPE is an advocate for the protection and humane treatment of animals. Through education and activism, our aim is to reduce animal suffering, heighten public awareness, and bring people and animals together in peaceful co-existence. Donations are needed.

MARS

Route 2 Box 63, Amherst, NE 68812

MARS, the Midwest Animal Rehabilitation Sanctuary, is a grassroots based organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release/retirement/adoption of animals. Located in the shadow of one of Nebraska's biggest feedlots, MARS is a breath of fresh air in the midst of a community which thrives on the lives of thousands of animals.

In addition to being a continual source of educational literature and materials (videos, periodicals, etc.) MARS staff also organizes and provides animals education classes and training seminars. MARS also provides a public speaker bureau and is currently one of the only Midwestern organizations that provide the public with free referral programs for specific animal welfare issues.

All contributions are welcome and volunteers are needed. Contributions of $15 or more will receive MARS's newsletter THE MARSIAN CHRONICLES.

PRIMARILY PRIMATES

P.O Box 207, San Antonio, TX 78291-0207

Primarily Primates is a sanctuary for non-human primates. Recently, three infant monkeys: one pygmy marmoset and two saddleback tamarins were placed at Primarily Primates. The monkeys were bought from locals in Peru by a greedy slob American tourist, fed cough medicine to make them groggy, smuggled back to San Francisco on an airline jet, and then the scum tried to sell them at a Marin shopping center for $3500 each. A concerned person called the Marin Humane Society, which seized the monkeys on the spot. They now have a nice home at Primarily Primates. Donations are needed.

PAWS

P.O. Box 849, Galt, CA 95632

We're dedicated to the protection of performing animals and captive wildlife and maintain a sanctuary in California for wildlife. They recently completed construction of a 4000-square foot mountain lion enclosure complete with various ledges, mounds, and other amenities designed to please mountain lions. Also, plans are underway to help relocate three elephants from the Milwaukee Zoo. PAWS is most notable for their exposing of Bobbi Berosini and his orangutan act where Berosini prepared "his" oragutans by beating them. PAWS, PETA, and various animal activists were then sued by Berosini for defamation of character (laughable 'eh?). The Nevada Supreme Court has recently reversed a trial court's decision against PAWS et. al. saying that the wideo tape of Berosini beating the oragutans prior to nine different performances was an accurate depiction of fact.

VEGAN ACTION MAILORDER CATALOG

May, 1994

All items are xeroxes of the originals. All prices are postage paid. U.S. cash only, **blank** money orders, international return coupons, or U.S. postage stamps adding up to the amount listed only. For international postage, send extra -- if you send too much, we'll just give you extra stuff. Costs reflect money needed for xeroxes, mailing envelopes, postage, and advertising.

VEGAN ACTION, P.O. Box 4353, Berkeley, CA 94704, USA.

Animal Liberation Direct Action

* Interviews With Animal Liberation Front Activists
  52 pages, $4.00
  Issued in 1986, this booklet details tactics used by the ALF in Britain. Includes photos and diagrams.
* An Animal Liberation Primer
  32 pages, 1/2 size $1.50
  Originally produced by the Canadian ALFSG, this booklet details ALF tactics.
* Without a Trace
  24 pages, 1/2 size $1.50
  A very informative guide which explains how police try to solve direct actions with fingerprints, hair traces, and so on. Fascinating.
* The Power is ours
  20 pages, $1
  Interesting strategies and ideas for direct action. A good compendium of current methods. This replaces "Into the 90's with the ALF".

Current Animal Liberation News

* The Militant Vegan
  #5, Spring 94, 12 pages, $1.50
  Back issues #s 1-4, $1.50 each
  Covers ALF news, prisoner support, building the vegan movement, fur industry undercover report, everything.
* Arkangel
  #11, Spring 94, 52 pages, $3.50
  Back issues #2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10, $4.00 each
  Arkangel is the most inspiring animal liberation zine there is! Packed with news from ALF to the moderates, opinions, and a great emphasis on the grassroots movement. Absolutely essential- get them all!
* Out of the Cages
  #8, March 94, 24 pages, $2
  #7, Winter 93, 22 pages, $2
  This is a feisty magazine with opinions, action clippings, great information. Shaping up to be the Arkangel of the U.S.
* ALFSG Newsletter
  Winter 1994, $2
  Contains up-to-date information from the ALF Support Group in the UK, including prisoner support, photos of live liberations, debate on the use of violence, The Justice Department, more.

Animal Liberation History

* Combat
  #1, 1990, 16 pages $1
  #2, 1992, 8 pages, $1
  The publication of the Canadian ALF Support Group.
* The Liberator
  16 11x17 pages, 1988, $3
  A newspaper issued by the old U.S. ALFSG. Lots of action news, an excellent historical guide to direct action in the 80's.
* Southeast Liberator
  #2 Fall 1992, 14 pages, $1
  #3 Winter 92-93, 26 pages. $2
  The Southeast Liberator details actions by the ALF and the Hunt Saboteurs in the south of England along with prisoner support and demo news. Excellent!

Vegan Action Infosheets

Just send a couple of stamps or request them with your order!

1) Animal Liberation Direct Action
2) Dealing with the Police
3) Hunt-Sab How-To
4) "Why Veganism" pamphlet
5) East Bay Vegan News (current issue)

Vegan Cookbook Zines

All cookbook zines are 5 and 1/2 by 8 and 1/2 inch.

Well Fed, Not an Animal Dead, 50 pages, $2
Recipes, organic gardening, breastfeeding, politics, illustrated.

Soy, Not Oi, 112 pages, 1 $3
Humorous, Essays, Drawings, Punk Rock!

Bark & Grass, 48 pages, $1.50
Really great Recipes. Fake Meat. A sXe Vegan product!

Raggedy Anarchy's Guide to Vegan Baking, 92 pages, $3
All deserts. All bad for you (Vegan Warriors beware!). Rants.

Zines

* Small Victory
  #2, 40 pages, 1/2 size, $1.50
  Great "hard-core" zine with informative essays on veganism, vivisection, drugs, punk, and much more.
* Gardenhead
  #1, 26 pages, $2
  A vegan primer. Contains a compte list of animal ingredients, essays on veganism, and recipe reprints

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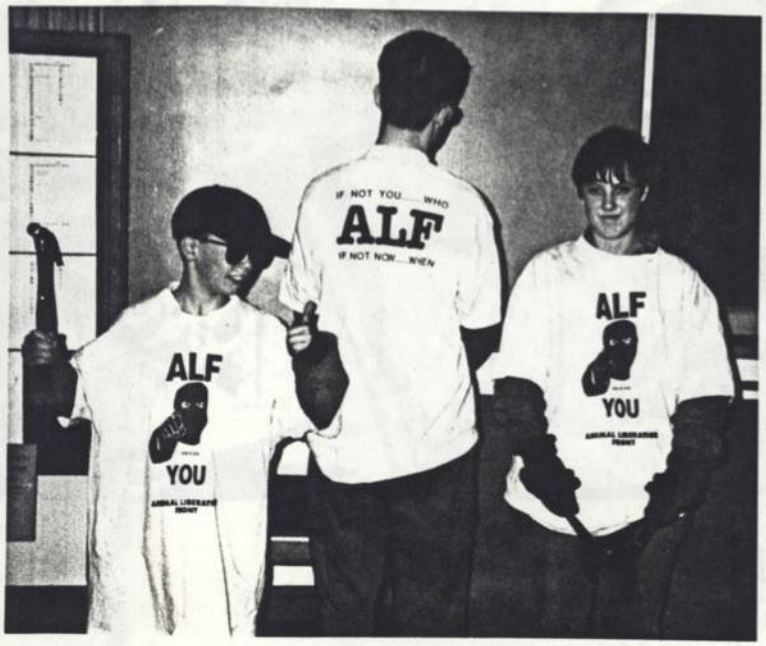
* Front Line News
  Spring 1988, 32 11x17 pages, $4
  Front Line News was published by the old Canadian ALFSG. Full of international ALF news-a great source of info on actions in the 1980's.
* Wildlife Actions/Grand Juries file
  33 pages, $2.50
  This is a collection of news clippings and articles which describe the six actions the ALF carried out for wildlife in 1991-92 and the attempts by federal grand juries to identify those responsible.
* Report to the Congress on the Extent and Effects of International and Domestic Terrorism on Animal Enterprises
  40 pages, $3.50
  Released August 1993 by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Agriculture. See what the government has to say about the ALF.
* Howl
  #50, Fall 1992, 24 pages, $2.00
  English Hunt Saboteurs' magazine. News, tactics, legal advice.
* Archival Package -- The following newsletters are sold as a package for $2. The information is somewhat dated and/or obscure, so we'd only recommend them after our other titles.

  Animal Liberation Newsletter #2, 1991, 10 pages
  DBF (Sweden) Press Release 4 pages
  ALFSG (UK) Diary of Actions #2 July 1987, 5 pages #3 November 1987, 5 pages

The above titles are sold for information purposes only!

GROUP UPDATES

THIS SECTION IS DEDICATED TO THE THOUSANDS OF GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD WHO FIGHT FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION IN TOWNS LARGE AND SMALL. ANY ACTION OR EVENT DONE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE ANIMALS IS IMPORTANT, WORTHY OF PUBLICATION, AND SHOULD BE KNOWN ABOUT THROUGHOUT THE MOVEMENT. PLEASE SEND US A COUPLE OF PARAGRAPHS ABOUT THE ACTIONS HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA.



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(612) 624-0422 # not operational summers.

Although it was freezing up here, we managed to protest fur numerous times. One of our better protests was at a theater where there were only nine of us, but the police, in their usual attempt to intimidate activists, showed up with so many that there was a police cruiser per protester and a paddy wagon to boot! However, this show of force did not deter us and actually made our protest look much bigger and of more importance than it was. We disrupted the MN Pork Congress, which resulted in one arrest. The story went out on the AP wire receiving national coverage. We also protested donkey-ball at a local high school, the poultry convention, and the circus.

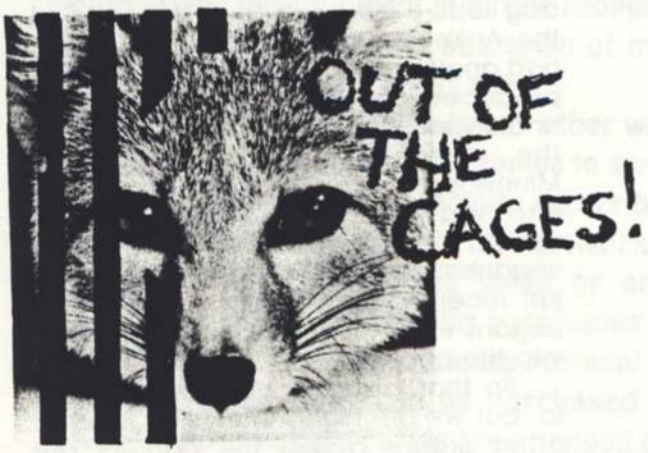
On campus, we have been active as well. The beg news is that after a long campaign, carried out by another local animal rights group, the University of MN has ended the physiology dog labs and halved the number of surgery dog labs. We have held showings of the Animal's Film and Hidden Crimes, had another successful benefit concert, produced new leaflets on veganism and vivisection, put up many displays in the student unions on both the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses, and had over 10 pro-animal articles printed in local papers on the issues of veganism, circuses, and vivisection. We just recently chalked our campus with slogans which never fails to get us back into the paper.

So that's what SOAR has been up to, but we are highly interested in what other groups across the country are doing -- please send a group update to Cages for printing in the next issue!









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